

**Gospel Wrath (Romans 1:16-32)**  
**(aka "the good news about God's wrath")**  
**SERMON NOTES**

**Sermon Based Discussion (September 5, 2010)**  
**Sermon Series: *Romans: The Power of God to Save***

**OPENING QUESTION**

1. What did you get punished for the most as a kid? What did your parents/guardians do for your punishment?

**INTO THE BIBLE**

**Read Romans 1:16-32**

2. Romans 1:16-17 talks about Paul not being ashamed because the gospel is offensive. In what ways would people find this passage offensive?
3. According to the passage, why is God just to punish all people for their sins?
4. What are some things that people worship today instead of a Creator God?
5. Verses 24-28 state that God's wrath (in this case) takes the form of letting people choose what they want. How is letting people do what they want a form of wrath?
6. What does vv. 16-17 say about how God has made a way for us to escape His just wrath?

**GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)**

7. Do you agree that humanity has a tendency to suppress the truth about what is right and wrong? How have you seen this?
8. How did Jesus the power of God to save us from God's wrath, and how should we respond to that power?
9. What are some created things that you have seen people idolize in your life, your industry, or your relationships?
10. If you have never been offended or felt the urge to be ashamed of the gospel, it could be you don't appreciate how offensive people find the gospel of Jesus Christ. In light of this discussion, why should people not be ashamed of the offensiveness of the gospel?

**CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes... (Romans 1:16a, NIV)*